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In response to the Office Action dated 11 January 2005, applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group 1 (claims 1-12). Applicant therefore withdraws, without prejudice, claims 13-18.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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